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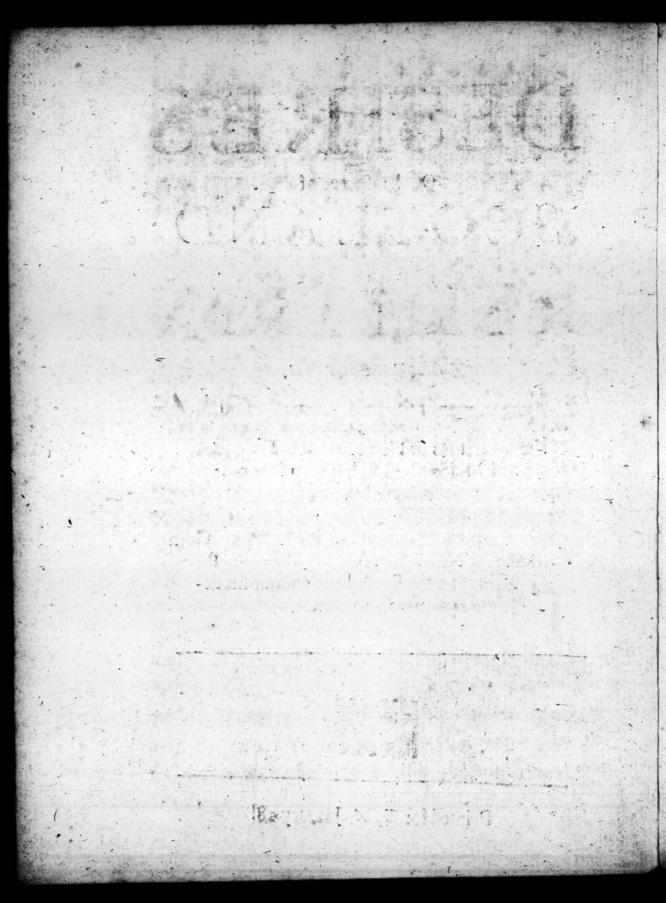
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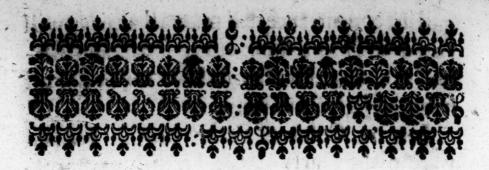
CONCERNING,

His Majesties advancing from Newcastle to?
wards the City of London, with their deserting of
the Garrisons of Newcastle and Tinmouth,
and Major Gen: Skippon to take possession of them.

Likewise the proceedings of the Parliaments Commissioners at Newcastle, And his Majesties Propositions to the Scots Lords, about his departure from thence,







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The Proceedings of the Parliaments Commissioners at Newcastle.



THE great Argument which holds the Kingdom in Disputation & Suspence, is, the disposall of his Majesties person great Britiains Soveraign) a thing (indeed) of great concernment; yet all must be referred to the most wise and serious consideration of the great Councels of both Kingdomes; whose A 2 gallant

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gallant concurrence, and mutuall amity, will (no doubt) in a short time, settle and establish the Subjects of both Nations, in a most

firme and glorious peace.

For no Coles of Wrath can be kindled within the hearts of the English and Scots tish Commissioners (although many great Ones have indeavoured to stirre up the Embers) but go on with alacrity, for the discharging of that great trust, committed to their charge, by the Estates of both Kingdomes.

For upon the two and twentieth day of this instant moneth of January, the Parliae ments Commissioners arrived safe at New-castle, being entertained with much joy and tryumph, and the Scottish Commissioners have expressed themselves gallantly unto them, shewing their great forwardnesse, to comply with them, and expedite the businesse, for which they came about, being resolved, not to adhere (in the least) to any particular that shall prove prejudiciall to either Kingdoms; and therefore, doe freely affent and concur with them, that his Majesty shall come to Holmby house, or any other place that

that the Parliament of England, shall make choice of, and there continue untill he shall

Subscribe unto the Propositions.

Itament of Scotland, that they defire there may be a Committee of both Kingdoms conferntly to attend his Majesty, to use their utmost endeavours for perswading of his Maje to passe the Propositions, and to advance the union betwixt both Kingdoms. Further intimating their desires, that those who shall be employed on the businesse of State from that Kingdom may have due accesse unto his Majesty, after their resigning of Him up to the Parliament of England; desiring also, Brotherly assistance against all foes domestic or forraign, and particularly, against those barbarous Rebels now in their Kingdome.

The Scottish Forces are (almost) upon a martch with their bag and baggage, some of their Carriages being drawn out of Newca-stle, and their great Ordnance dismounted and ready to be shipt for Scotland.

The Barle of Stamford is appointed to fee all things fairly carryed, and the articles

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faithfully maintained, upon the Scots delive-

ry of the Northern Gar ifons.

Major General Skippon is to place a sufficient strength in the Garrisons of Newcastle and Tinmouth, and to remaine Governour.

The King is expected Southwards dayly & divers of the Scottish Nobility and Gentry

(is thought will accompany him.

But his Maiesty is somwhat perplexed about the resigning up of Newcastle, propounding to the Nobility of Scotland, as followeth:

T is a received opinion by many, that ingagements, acts or promises of a restrained person, are neither valid nor obligatory; How true or salse this is, I wil not dispute; but I am sure, if I am not free, I am not fit to answer your or any Propositions: Wherefore you should first resolve me in what state I stand (as in relation to freedom) before I can give you any other answer (the reason of this my question, the Governour can best resolve you) But if you object the losse of time and urgency of it; certainly in one respect it presses none so much as my self, which makes me also think it necessary, that I be not to seek what to do when this Garison small be surrendred up, to demand of you, in case I go into Seotland, if I shal be there with honour, freedom, and safety, or how? Being ready to give you a farther and more particular answer, how soon you shal have resolved these two Queres.

The Scots Commissioners Answer te his Majesties Quares

1. To the first, in what state you stand, as in relation ro freedom, the Parliaments of both your Kingdoms have gi-

ven such orders and directions as they have thought fittest for the good and safety of your Majesty and the Kingdoms, to the General and Governour.

2. To your Majesties second Quere, of your going into Scotland, we shal humbly desire, that we may not be now put to give any Answer; but if your Majesty shal either deny or delay your assent to the Propositions, we are in that case to represent to your Majesty the Resolutions of the Parliament of England.

His Maiefties Reply.

I know very wel, that the Gen. and Governour have receis ved orders concerning me; but the question is, into what state those Orders put me in (as relating to free dome) To which you have either power to answer, or not; if you have, then answer me: otherwise send to those who can: And so to my second quere.

The great Politician Doctor Hudson were brought to the Parliament house, and called in before the Commons, who examined him whether he had been with the King (since his escape at Newcastle, which he contessed, And it was further demanded of him, whether he wrote to Major Generall Laughorn, and whether it were not to perswade him to decline the Parliament, which he also acknowledged: The house proceeded further in examination of him, which was too long to be inserted in this sheet, but when that was done, they came to this result, that hee was charged with treason, and it was ordered that the said Mr. Hudson shall bee sent forthwith to the Tower of London, there to re; main close prisoner, and that none shall speake with him but in the presence of his Keeper-

Letters were presented to the House of Commons coming from beyond Sea, which tell of strange stories, how true weeknow not, but the relation comes

from a good hand,

letter from Rolanda speaking plain the great Affembly or Parliament of that Kingdo have put their King under reflraint for raising of for

ces without their coulent.

That they told him freely in open Parliament, he had forteized his Crown, and that all his subjects are thereby discharged of their Atlegeance, and are not to be further subject to his commands, That they have commanded the Kings Seal not to be any longer used and raised a Guard of twelve hundred to attend the King, and keep the Kingdom in Peace.

One cause of the difference between the King of Poland and his subjects, is said to be his endeavor to contique a warre contrary to the advice of the States and Councel of that Kingdom, and against the mind of the

Lord Marshall.

We shall now conclude with what we have last from the North from whence is our greatest expediation of Newes as affaires stand. The money is gone from York, Northalerton is 22 miles beyond, where the first hundred thousand pound is paid, Our Commissioners are come to Newcastle, and faire congratulations between the Commissioners of Scotland and them, and fome Conference.

They also apply themselves to his Majesty, who seemes to be hardly perswaded to come to Holmby house: what wil follow few dayes will evidence: but our Commissioners being newly come thither, it could now produce little, ex-

cept what is before.

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